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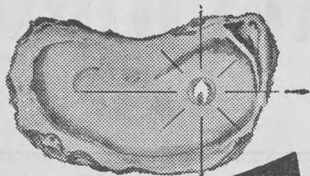


IN HIS STEPS

The steps cut out of the river bank leading to the Hermitage of Canon Newton.

In 1875 the Rev. Wm. Newton came to Edmonton and the work of our Church was commenced in this part of Alberta, then part of the Diocese of Saskatchewan.

This year we celebrate the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the Church's missionary task in our Diocese, and are remembering with thankfulness all who have followed in the steps of the first missionary.



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The Bishop's Page

My Dear People:

The next important event in our Seventy-fifth Anniversary Programme will be the Diocesan Convention, which opens on Monday evening, May 29th. The detailed programme you will find printed on page ????

"Diocesan Convention" is a new term in Anglican Church circles. All sorts of clubs and organizations have their conventions from time to time. On such occasions they arrange for a programme which will inspire and inform the delegates, and through them the memberships at large. Such conventions are indispensable in the life of any organization. We have Synods. Everyone understands the need for Synods. The business of the diocese is transacted, plans and policies made, and incidentally a certain amount of good fellowship enjoyed. But "business" always predominates at a meeting of Synod, and the members often have no chance to think about or to discuss the real business of the Church—what we believe and why we believe it. Week in and week out we say our Creed, and we hear sermons on some aspect of it, but rarely do we have a chance to see it as one coherent whole, much less do we have a chance to discuss it. The Diocesan Convention is planned to remedy this defect. It is my hope that the work of the Convention will result in clearer understanding of, and greater personal loyalty to the real business of the Church.

We are fortunate in having the Reverend Professor C. R. Feilding of Trinity College, Toronto, as our leader in this adventure. Under his guidance the time we spend together will be memorable. The Convention will, under God, be a turning point in the life of our Church.

OPENING DINNER

On Monday, May 29th, the members of the Convention will meet for dinner in the new Parish Hall of Holy Trinity Church at 6:30 p.m. This will provide an opportunity for us to meet socially before beginning the actual work of the next two days.

You will be interested to learn that I have had several requests from clergy in other dioceses for permission to attend and to have their laymen represented. I have replied to say that we shall welcome them.

The work of the Church is harder than it used to be. There was a time in the memory of the older members of the Church, when the most ordinary people did believe that the world was created by God (even if they were not acknowledging Him); that the Bible was true (even if they seldom read it); that after this life there was either a heaven or a hell (even if it was to the latter

place that they might go). These beliefs were then quite seriously and definitely held so that one could expect a response of some sort to the Church's message. If, in those days, it could be shown plainly by the printed page that any doctrine or practice had the support of the Bible or the Prayer Book, that was virtually the end of all controversy, and an answer to all the really serious questions. Apart from controversy, the clergy were never at a loss for a definite and authoritative message—a real message from God.

Today the total situation is quite different. Modern civilization is largely living its life without such beliefs. It relegates "the Church" to the sphere of "religion." It has no objection to religion being practiced by those who like it, and are religiously minded, just as the artistically minded can indulge their tastes in art.

The authority of the Bible and the facts of which it is the record has been lost. It is this situation which has made the real work of the Church so much harder to do.

It should be observed, however, that the Church has tended to accommodate herself to this situation in various ways, most of which amount to a prostitution of her proper function. Here is a scathing indictment by Monsignor R. A. Knox—"Our Creed, if we have one, begins "one does feel," instead of "I believe," and we have succeeded in contriving a religion without God, without a Saviour or Atonement, without any message of Salvation or thought of eternity." This may seem to you to be a caricature, but there is a good deal of truth in it. It is not uncommon to find the Church regarded as one of the organizations for the general uplift of society, concerned chiefly with matters of social welfare. Moreover, there are those who think of the Church in terms of big crowds and fat statistics, and whose test of its vitality is the balance sheet at the end of the year. So much of this has got into our blood that today we see the degrading spectacle of inducements being offered to people to go to Church by all manner of stunts and sensationalisms. This merely proclaims the failure of our faith in the truth and power of the Gospel. The Diocesan Convention has been arranged for this very purpose. It is designed to prepare us for the work planned for the autumn, which includes a similar Convention in every parish in the diocese.

The time has surely come for us to spend more time and thought upon the real business of the Church.

Yours faithfully,

Walter Schumlin

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The Editor's Columns

The civil rehabilitation of those who are released from our penal institutions is the primary work of the John Howard Society of Alberta. The Society needs the help of citizens in every community in this important work. In the coming year attempts will be made to extend the membership of the Society throughout the Province. It is hoped that our Clergy and people will take an active part in promoting this work.

There is a very high rate of repeated crime among Canadian offenders. How to help to prevent an offender's return to crime has recently been discussed by Mr. J. Alex Edmison, Montreal barrister and Executive Secretary of the John Howard Society of Ontario.

It is pointed out that one of the most important elements in successful rehabilitation is a prison training programme which will enable the offender to take up lawful work on his release. If a dischargee has some training for a particular job, rehabilitation is greatly simplified. The work of the Society becomes mainly a matter of building morale, finding a job and giving temporary aid.

There are many obstacles to the return of a dischargee to civil life. Employers still hesitate to take on a person with a crime record. Mr. Edmison points out that the risk is probably less than average. "We do not know of a single case where one of our thousand of placements has ever committed a crime in his place of employment. A number have gone astray elsewhere, but none where he has been working."

Other obstacles to rehabilitation are: The ex-prisoner's sense of friendlessness which often drives him back to the company of criminals; his sense of shame; estrangement from respectable friends and family, etc. The attitude of the public is usually quite unfavourable to organized help for the offender.

The need for such help is very great. During 1947 there were 78,669 persons released from Canadian penal institutions. Allowing for the fact that a majority of them may be unreformable, the chances for rehabilitation are still very great.

It is heartening to know that the staffs of our penal institutions are steadily becoming more "reform" minded. The principles which have been successfully applied for many years in England and Wales are being adopted in our Canadian penitentiaries, under the direction of Major-General R. B. Gibson. The Federal Government makes an annual grant to the work of the John Howard Society where one exists. In Alberta, the Provincial Government; the cities of Edmonton and Calgary, recognize the importance of the work by making grants to the Society.

The future of this work depends upon the generous personal and financial support of the public. The Church of England should be in the vanguard.

Diocesan Convention

MONDAY, MAY 29

Dinner, Holy Trinity Church, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion. (The Cathedral)

9:30 a.m.—Breakfast.

10:30-12:30 } The Cathedral

2:30- 4:30 } and Parish Hall.

8:00 p.m.—The Cathedral.

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Things, People and God

By the Rev. Professor C. R. Feilding, B.A., Dean of Divinity,
Trinity College, Toronto

(I.) Things

The expression "a materialistic age" should not always be used as a term of abuse! Ours is also a materialistic age in a good sense—an age in which we have succeeded, as never before in history, in the production of quantities of the things needed for the material basis of life,—food, clothing, shelter. There is nothing bad about a materialistic age insofar as it is one in which we can produce and distribute equitably things of this kind for more and more people. All this simply means that we have triumphed to a greater extent than ever before over THINGS.

Man has learned a tremendous amount about how to manage things; he knows more about the relation of cause and effect in the material order; he has learned more and more how to condition the material universe. It is in this relation of man to things that so much progress has been made, and this materialism is very largely good. It becomes evil only when we fail to recognize that God made things for the use of all men, to be received with gratitude and to be distributed with justice and equity.

"Ask, and it will be given you . . ."
"For everyone who asks received . . ."
"If you, then, who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children,

How much more will your Father, who is in heaven, give good things to those who ask him?" (Mt. VII.)

"Everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving."

(I. Tim. IV)

"If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"

(I. Jn. III.)

(II.) People

However, man is not only related to things, he is also related to persons and to ultimate reality—to people and to God. And the trouble is this; we have had such phenomenal success with things in our day that we sometimes catch ourselves behaving as if the same methods would work with

persons; and then we start treating people like things. This is where we see materialism in the bad sense of the word. Things—it is characteristic of them—can be pushed about, can be shaped and conditioned at our will, or very nearly so; but it is not so with persons. The man who expects his family to behave with the uniform alacrity of the machines whose buttons he can push, is suddenly confronted with the stubborn reality of persons.

When one man meets another man, it is not a subject meeting an object, not a person meeting a thing, not **He** meeting **it**; on the contrary, it is **I** meeting **you**, a meeting between **you** and **me**; not a subject meeting an object, but a subject meeting another subject—another person who can, it may be, kick back; but who can also love.

One of the evil things about the success of our materialistic culture is that it has so largely unfitted us for relationships with orders of reality above that of things. A good deal of the popular writing labelled "Psychology" for example treats persons as things whom you can condition to do what **you** want if you just learn how to butter them up the right way. But the order of reality to which persons belong is above that of things, and it requires different attitudes of its inhabitants, attitudes such as consideration and mutual love. We act **upon** things; but we interact **with** persons. We sometimes say that we love things; but with persons there is mutual or brotherly love.

The discovery of the world of persons is of course one of the most important aspects of all real growth. This is the discovery that father is not just an animated pocket-book; that mother is not just a provider of meals and bedding and of something called satisfaction; and the discovery that this other person who enters my life is not just the satisfier of my erotic urges. We all know how hard it can be sometimes to discover this world of persons and to grow out of treating them as things; but if we do not learn this there is an exacting retribution, we may ourselves disintegrate in our own self-centred-

ness, or the others may even seek our destruction.

"You know that those who aspire to rule over the nations lord it over them, and their great men rule despotically; but it should not be so among you, but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all." (Mk.X)

"Perhaps this is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother." (Philemon).

(III.) God

But if our success with things has crippled us in our relations with persons, what has it done to confuse our relationship with God? For the supernatural order stands again above the order of persons.

Things we have learned to **handle**.
People we may learn to **meet**.
But God . . . **We** are in **His** hands.

From merely having things, we may learn to grow up into meeting with people in mutual love; but from this relationship we have one more step to grow, we learn to put our **trust** in God and to accept our life from him. Here we are very far removed from our attitude to things—from materialism,

"**Father, all things are possible to thee**"
(This is the attitude of trust).

"**Remove this cup from me**"

(This is an echo of the attitude of man to thing).

"**Yet not what I will, but what thou wilt**"

(Here the attitude is raised to God and we recognize that we are in His hands, not He in ours). (Mk.XIV.)

Dealing with things in our materialistic culture is all right in its way; but it does not train us to look beyond ourselves to ultimate reality, it does not train us to look to God with trust, and to pray. **Things**, we think are in our hands; but **we** are in **God's** hands. Things may seem to be under our control; but we, it turns out, are under God's control in the end.

(IV.) Things, People, God

Much of our time is inevitably spent in imposing our will on things; but this is only a part of reality. From the world of things we are obliged to grow up

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DIOCESAN NEWS



RESIGNATION OF THE REVEREND H. G. BRANT

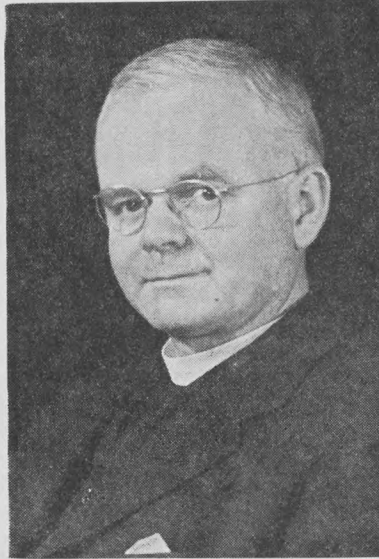
We regret to announce that the Reverend H. G. Brant, incumbent of Vegreville, has resigned to take up work in the diocese of New Jersey, U.S.A. Since his ordination to the Priesthood Mr. Brant has been incumbent of Vegreville, with Soda Lake and Whitford, and has done notable work. During his Diaconate he was Assistant at the Cathedral, and for a time during an interregnum ministered in Wainwright. All his friends will bid him Godspeed as he leaves for his new field.

THE VERY REVEREND CECIL SWANSON, B.A., D.D.

It is a matter of deep regret that the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, was not able to complete his work for us during Holy Week and Good Friday on account of serious illness. The whole city and diocese will sympathize with him and will be glad to know that he has made good recovery and was able to take part in his Easter Services at the Cathedral in Vancouver. The Dean of Edmonton, at a moment's notice, carried on the services, and we are all very grateful to him for his response in this emergency.

THE REVEREND CANON J. H. WEBSTER OF COPPERMINE

A welcome visitor to the diocese this week is the Reverend Canon J. H. Webster, of Coppermine, who is on his way to Provincial Synod in Rupert's Land. He will preach on Sunday May 16th and 23rd in Winnipeg at the request of the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, and will be returning by way of Edmonton later in May. In view of the fact that one of the chief problems to be dealt with at Provincial Synod is that of rearrangement of the work in the diocese of the Arctic, it is good to know that we are to have such a veteran missionary present for the discussions. Canon Webster will be at the Camsell Hospital today (April 14th) in order to provide a service in Eskimo for the patients there, many of whom come from his own area.



The Reverend C. R. Feilding, B.A.

Dean of Divinity and Professor of New Testament Theology in Trinity College, Toronto, who will conduct the Diocesan Convention being held from May 29th to June 2nd.

THE REVEREND CHARLES R. FEILDING, S.T.D., DEAN OF DIVINITY, TRINITY COLLEGE, TORONTO

Dr. Feilding was born in the village of Whitford in North Wales not far from the Holy Well of St. Winefride, one of the ancient shrines of Britain. After a brief residence in London, he came with his family to Canada at the age of 10 to live at St. Williams in Norfolk County, Ontario, where he saw his father conducting the earliest experiments at the commercial cultivation of tobacco for which the county is now famous.

After attending school at Upper Canada College and the Barrie Collegiate Institute, he attended McGill University and King's College, Halifax, graduating from the latter in 1925. After a year's employment in actuarial work, he entered the General Theological Seminary, New York, graduating

from there in 1929. From then until 1935 he was a Fellow of the General Theological Seminary where he pursued New Testament studies under the late Dr. B. S. Easton. During this period in New York he also began studies in the relation of psychoanalytic therapy to pastoral work, working with psychiatrists, in hospitals, and various institutions in the lower west side and upper east side of Manhattan.

In 1935 he married Ann Truslow, of Southport, Conn., and he was elected rector of St. Mary's Church, Staten Island, New York. He became Chaplain of the Young People's Fellowship of the Diocese of New York and a member of its Board of Religious Education. He has two children.

In 1940, he was appointed Professor in Divinity in Trinity College, Toronto, and in 1946 he was appointed Dean of the Faculty.

When he was offered a fellowship in New York in 1929, his Bishop in Canada refused to ordain him to the pursuit of advanced studies in New York, and so, as he says, he was providentially obliged to seek ordination in Scotland where in the meantime his family had gone to retire. During the years at the General Theological Seminary he spent the summers as Curate of St. Baldred's Church in North Berwick under the rectorship of S. J. Marriott, now Dean of Westminster.

Dr. Feilding's life has been spent in almost equal thirds in Britain, the U.S.A. and Canada, though he has been a Canadian since the age of 10. He likes particularly to be known for the conviction that a truly scientific pastoral theology can only be developed upon the basis of a sound training in the basic disciplines of theological study. "Christian pastoral work," he says, "insofar as it is being uprooted from its basis in the deep convictions of Christian dogma, is tending to become a thin veil of sentimental language drawn over a hard core of contemporary secularism and atheistic humanism."

The Church of England in Western Canada

By Rev. T. C. B. Boon, B.A.

If it should seem tiresome at times to chronicle so much in the way of journeyings among our early missionaries, it must be recollected that this was a sparsely populated country, and that the native Indians whose evangelization was sought were themselves constantly on the move, and therefore had to be followed, or at least sought. Only in the Red River Valley itself was there anything in the nature of a settlement, and only for forty miles to the north of "The Forks" (where the Assiniboine River joins the Red River) and for sixty miles to the west was there anything in the nature of a settled parochial life in the Church. All work outside that little area demanded constant movement on the part of the men who did it. Truly the majority of them followed in the steps of St. Paul: "In journeyings often, in perils of waters . . . in perils by the heathen . . . in perils in the wilderness . . . in weariness and painfulness, in watching often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." Of none of our missionaries are these words more true than of Bishop Bompas from the day he left New York in 1875.

New York to Winnipeg, 1875

Rev. John Hines, who was a keen observer and an excellent raconteur, has left an entertaining account of the journey of the ecclesiastical party (as it might be called) from New York to Winnipeg. They tried to travel by express, as the Bishop, at least was in a hurry, but could only get an "accommodation train" which seemed to travel as it pleased, stopping about every four hours so that the passengers could get a little exercise, or a commercial traveller could do a little business. On one such occasion two of the party got left behind without either tickets or baggage which caused a good deal of consternation and delay. The second part of the journey was by stern-wheeler down the Red River from Fargo, which took another week as travel was only made by day, and the meanderings of the river were very tiresome. Winnipeg was reached in the pouring rain, and the baggage had to

be conveyed to the only hotel by a Red River hay frame drawn by an ox which took more than half an hour owing to the condition of the road. The Bishop, however, considered the hotel to be too luxurious, and the following day rented an unfurnished house on a side street into which he moved the party. There they slept on the floor, and did their own cooking and (says Mr. Hines) "will you believe it? we ate it—yes, we ate it."

Fort Simpson

The Bishop's party was too late to join the regular Portage la Loche Brigade when it left from Lower Fort Garry, but seems to have overtaken it later and proceeded by the usual route of the Saskatchewan to Cumberland House, thence to Stanley on the English River, Isle a la Crosse, and so to Methy Portage on the height of land which separates the waters draining to the Arctic Sea from those going into Hudson's Bay. Here they joined the Mackenzie River Brigade and so to Fort Chipewyan and on to Great Slave Lake, on the other side of which at Fort Providence they found Rev. W. D. (afterwards Archdeacon and the second Bishop of Mackenzie River) and Mrs. Reeve who joined them, and Fort Simpson was reached on September 24th. They were warmly welcomed, but the shadow of starvation was hanging over the Fort as at the moment only a week's supplies of food were left, later in the year there came a time when there was not enough left for one meal, but just then Indians came in with fresh meat and the situation was saved. On November 28th (the first Sunday in Advent) the Bishop ordained Mr. Reeve Priest, the first ordination held in the Diocese. Mr. Reeve had first come to Fort Simpson in 1869, having previously graduated from the C.M.S. College at Islington, and been ordained Deacon by Bishop Machray of Rupert's Land.

First Synod of Athabasca

Bishop Bompas assembled the first Synod of his Diocese at Fort Simpson on September 4, 1876, a matter of months of preparation in his scattered territory. Three clergy were there: Robert McDonald, of Fort McPherson

on the Peel River, who had been appointed Archdeacon the previous year; Rev. W. D. Reeve, who had been in charge of Fort Simpson for several years; and Rev. Alfred C. Garrioch, then quite recently ordained, who had been pioneering at Fort Vermillion on the Peace River. Besides there were three laymen: Allen Hardisty and William Norn, catechists, and George Sandison, a servant of the Hudson's Bay Company.

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into a recognition of the world of persons; from controlling things we take the step of learning to love people. And from this mutual love among persons we learn at last our first lessons in the life of the spirit, growth in our relationship to God, a growth characterized by deepening trust accompanied by inner freedom and love.

As we approach things, it is we ourselves who perform most of the actions.

As we approach persons, the activity is really mutual.

But when we approach God, it is He who is the primary agent, He who performs the significant actions. It is God who acts and man who learns to trust.

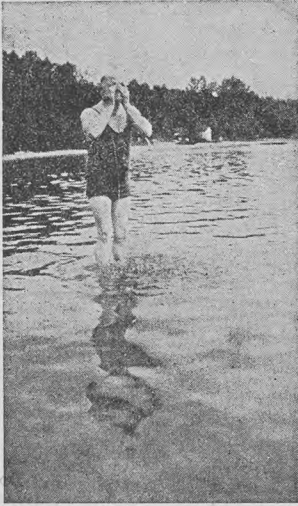
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Junior Girls—July 6 to July 14 \$10.00

The Rev. F. E. Smith (Wetaskiwin).

Junior Boys—July 16 to July 24 \$10.00

The Rev. H. Buchner (Edson).

Senior Girls—July 25 to Aug. 4 \$14.00

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme (Tofield).

Senior Boys—Aug. 8 to Aug. 18, \$14.00

The Rev. W. W. Buxton (Fort Saskatchewan).



Assisting with the Junior Girls' Camp will be Mrs. Smith and the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have also consented to help with



the Junior Boys Camp. Mrs. Favelle has also agreed to come again this year and provide some more of those excellent meals for us. Remember to let your Camp Leader have your names as soon as possible. Happy summer, all!

ELIZABETH HOUSE TEA

Elizabeth House, 11717 93rd Street, will open its doors for the fourth Anniversary Tea to be given by the Elizabeth House Guild on Wednesday, May 17, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There are still many necessary things remaining to be done for Elizabeth House. The house has been open four years; replacements and additions to the furnishings, etc., are becoming necessary. Recently the Guild has supplied pillow cases, dish towels, mattress covers, feather-proof covers, and linoleums for the dining room and corridor. This summer is to see a fence built, awnings put on the west windows, eavestroughs restored and the grounds generally improved.

To raise funds for the above services the Guild, in addition, at the Anniversary Tea, will have a table of sewing for sale. The articles will include children's sun togs, bonnets, pinafores, sun suits, women's aprons, handkerchiefs, etc.

It is hoped that everyone will take this opportunity to help along this work when members of the Guild, Board of Directors and the Sisters of St. John the Divine will be hostesses at Elizabeth House.

THE REVEREND CANON S. C. STEER, M.A., D.D., ELECTED BISHOP OF SASKATOON

As we go to press the news has just been received that the Synod of

the diocese of Saskatoon has elected the Reverend Canon S. C. Steer, Principal of Emmanuel College, Saskatoon, to the vacant See. We understand from newspaper reports that Canon Steer has asked for a month in which to consider the matter.

The election of Canon Steer will give the utmost satisfaction throughout the Church. He is a first grade scholar and excellent administrator, and understands, from years of experience, the problems of a western missionary diocese. It is to be hoped that he will finally decide to accept and in due course be consecrated to succeed the Right Reverend W. E. Fuller as Bishop of Saskatoon.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN WESTERN CANADA

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Several other members of the mission staff were unable to be there: Rev. A. Shaw, of Fort Chipewyan, who had come from England with the Bishop, but who appears to have returned there before the Synod was held. Kenneth McDonald, then catechist at Rampart House; Henry Venn, the native catechist at La Pierre's House; Mr. Hodgson, the schoolmaster at Fort Norman, and George Garrioch, the brother of Alfred, who was farm instructor at Fort Vermillion.

As far as practical organization of the Diocese was concerned the chief business seems to have been to put Archdeacon McDonald in charge of the work of the Tukudh Mission on the Yukon River and its tributaries; to place Rev. W. D. Reeve at Fort Rae on the north arm of Great Slave Lake (to the north of what is now Yellowknife) and for the Bishop himself to undertake the work in the southern part of the Diocese and in the Peace River country. The area was already beginning to a great strain owing to incessant travelling in all weathers and uncertain circumstances, and there were other difficulties as well as the Bishop pointed out: "These extended travels prove a great strain owing to incessant and Mrs. Bompas, being left alone in the rigorous climate, and among the sometimes chill hearts of our northern clime has lost her health from exposure to cold and insufficient food. There is no doubt that the domestic hearth, when it can be had, will convey Christian lessons to the Indians."

FASTING COMMUNION

In the April issue of the Edmonton Churchman there appeared an article under the title "The Hour for Communion." As the writer of that article points out the hour of service depends largely upon the view held concerning the necessity, or otherwise, of fasting before that service. The article goes on to review the history of Fasting Communion but does so in such a way as to suggest that such a proceeding is almost, if not quite, unnecessary.

The Holy Communion was, admittedly, instituted in the evening, "after supper," but before very long was being celebrated in the morning. The reason, it would seem, was not because of any abuses at Corinth, but because it was necessary to hold the service early in the morning before the day's work—as well as for reasons of secrecy. To be a Christian was a capital offence. Thus, Pliny writing to the Emperor Trajan, about 111 A.D., says: "... it was their habit on a fixed day to assemble before daylight ..."

From early times the fast before the Eucharist became customary and, in normal circumstances, obligatory. "The rule became very rigid in west and east alike, though there were some exceptions; and it is still held firmly by the great majority of Christians in the world. But it is recognized by all that it is an ecclesiastical precept only." As someone once remarked, "Our Lord said, 'Do this'; The Church says, 'Do this fasting.' You must obey our Lord: obey the Church if you can—" but the decision does not, or should not rest wholly with the individual.

The writer of the article to which reference has been made cites the relaxations recently made in the Church of Rome. Quite apart from the fact that many of the concessions were but war-time expedients since withdrawn, it needs to be remembered that in actual practice Rome at her slackest is a great deal more rigid than the Church of England.

I prefer to turn, however, to the Eastern Orthodox Church whose discipline, at least, is more nearly in line with our own. Dr. Lowther Clarke in "Liturgy and Worship" cites the following Orthodox requirements about the fast before the Eucharist:

i—It is not held binding in the case of danger of death.

ii—In the case of the extreme, aged, the very infirm, and those who are dangerously ill, it may be relaxed by the priest confessor.

iii—In no case can the individual decide for himself.

The Book of Common Prayer while it does not specifically enjoin these things is at least sympathetic as witness the first rubric preceding the Office of Adult Baptism, p. 310. There can be no doubt that the Church of England endorses and, by tradition at least, enjoins the ancient custom of fasting Communion.

The excuse is offered that were the Pre-Communion fast "universally applied" it would "create difficulties for people in rural areas who would be deprived of their Sacrament altogether for long periods ..."

In nine years of rural work I only remember two occasions when I celebrated the Eucharist after mid-day, and then only on the explicit instructions of my ecclesiastical superior. In these days of increased leisure, and greatly increased ease of travel, it is rarely, if ever, necessary to provide afternoon or evening Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. If the people cannot drive to the nearest town or village on Sunday morning—as they do for their provisions on a week day—then it is possible for the priest to go out to them for a Eucharist, before work if necessary, on a weekday.

As to the hour of service—there is nothing inherently sacred about the hour of eleven. I have long been convinced that the answer to our problems may be found in a Parish Family Eucharist at 9:00 or 9:30 a.m.

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE.

BOY SAVED BOY—AND HISTORY WAS MADE

About half a century ago, a young English boy on a visit to a rural community in Scotland, set out to enjoy a swim in a small lake. He was seized with cramp while some distance from the shore. His cries for help were heard only by a young farm boy working in a nearby field.

The country lad plunged into the lake, towed the drowning swimmer to

the shore and administered first aid. In a short time the visitor recovered and was able to return to his home in London.

Years passed before the two boys met again. This time the city youth came to the rural community to ask the farm boy who had saved his life what plans he had formulated for the future.

When the youth frankly confided that his ambition always had been to study medicine, the youth from London revealed that he and his parents were ready, in fact eager to place at the young farmer's disposal the money he needed for his education.

More years passed. The farm boy attended a medical school, graduated with high honors and embarked upon a career of scientific research. Eventually, in 1928, he made a discovery that was to save uncounted millions of lives. In his laboratory he found that germs could not exist in certain vegetable moulds. He discovered penicillin. The one-time farm boy had become the internationally-known scientist and benefactor of mankind—Sir Alexander Fleming.

But what about the London youth whose life Flemming had saved, and through whose financial assistance Flemming had been able to scale the heights he once had regarded as unattainable?

Well, that's a rather interesting essential part of the story.

That Londoner was stricken with pneumonia while on an epochal journey to the Near East. He had gone thither to meet Roosevelt and Stalin for a series of important conferences. The statesman's condition became alarming. Back in London the drug invented by the one-time farm boy was readied, then sped by plane to the sick man's bedside. Within a few hours the miracle-producing penicillin had performed its mission, and added another illustrious name to the long list of those whose lives had been saved by its amazing properties. For the second time Alexander Flemming had saved the Londoner's life.

Yes, Winston Churchill was the boy who went swimming in that little rustic lake a half-century ago.

("Living Links").



Woman's Auxiliary



PRAYER FOR PEACE

"Our Father in heaven, we pray Thee to send into our hearts and into the hearts of all men everywhere, the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

NEW BRANCHES

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Afternoon Branch, Entwistle.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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Mrs. W. White, Mrs. Ruff, of Killam.

Mrs. M. Brouse, Mrs. H. Rayment, of
Holy Trinity.

Miss Olive Jones, St. Luke's.

COMING EVENTS

The J.A. Festival on May 27th, beginning at 10 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church. The judging of the sections will follow immediately.

ANNUAL GIRLS' FESTIVAL

Guided by the theme, "Give us a conscience bold and good, give us a purpose true, that it may be our highest joy, our Father's work to do," the annual Girls' Auxiliary Festival and Conference was held in Holy Trinity Church and hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11 and 12.

Reverend W. T. Elkin conducted the opening service at which Harriet Stutchbury and Joan Mansfield read the lessons. The G.A. choir, organized by Jean Whittingback, sang the anthem, "Lead Me, Lord."

Following registration in the hall, Joan Mansfield, of Holy Trinity, extended a welcome to the girls. Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry, President of the Diocesan W.A. Board, spoke briefly and Eileen Field, President of the Council, gave the address of welcome to which Marie Miller, of Vermilion, replied. The conference introduction was given by Mrs. J. A. L. Smith, Diocesan Girls' Secretary. The girls, leaders and visitors broke up into groups to discuss the topic, "Onward with the G.A." Findings were reported by Mrs. H. Barnes, St. Faith's leader. Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Tofield; Ann Bristow and Marilyn Mieske, St. Faith's; Lynn Christophers, St. Luke's; Marie Miller and Isabel Gordon, Vermilion.

Reverend C. E. Wolff judged the individual sight reading, and Miss Violet Mitchell, the cooking. The display of cooking consisted of tastefully arranged plates of sandwiches, cookies and candies.

Donna Deeley, of St. Paul's, was considered the best reader and received Mrs. W. F. Barfoot's prize. On Tuesday evening a ping-pong tournament was held with the finalists being Anne Martin, of Vermilion, and Barbara Williams, of St. Luke's. The play-off showed Anne to be the winner.

On Wednesday morning the Rev. Canon W. M. Nainby conducted the prayer service and the Festival opened with the missionary quiz from "Dawn Over Japan." Two girls competed from each group. So well did the girls know their study-book that two more sets of questions had to be asked before St. Luke's could be declared the winner over St. Mary's by a very slight margin.

Mrs. H. P. Brown and Mrs. H. G. Turner adjudicated the singing of the negro spirituals. Lunch followed, after which tumbling, folk dancing, square dancing and originality skits took place, with Miss Clydie Douglas, as adjudicator.

In the hall there was a fine display of handicrafts, including stuffed toys, water color pictures, posters, work in beaten copper, and novelties. For the home arts section the girls had to wash, starch, and iron a man's white dress shirt. Both handicrafts and home arts were judged by Miss Edith Hart and Mrs. J. Brickman.

On Wednesday evening a concert was arranged with the day's performers taking part. Following this, the awards were made. Mrs. E. W. deLaroque presented the Dominion W.A. cup to St. Luke's, and the Irene Niblett cup went to Wainwright G.A. Both were winners last year. Pennants were won by St. Mary's, St. Luke's, St. Mark's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's, St. Faith's, Vermilion and Wetaskiwin. Other groups present were Holy Trinity, Church of the Good Shepherd, and Drayton Valley, making a total of about 120 girls taking part, a decided increase over last year. Thirty of these were from out-of-town branches.

THE W.A. BADGE: THE WINCHESTER CROSS

In Dr. Emily Willoughby Cumming's book, "Our Story," you will find it recorded that at the Triennial Meeting of 1892, a resolution from the Toronto Diocesan W.A. Board asked that an uniform membership badge be adopted, it being pointed out that the use of such a badge would enable members all over Canada to recognize each other.

A statement made by Mrs. Twing, of the American Episcopal W.A. said that if their W.A. ever adopted a badge it would be the Winchester Cross—which is the centre of the Cross of Jerusalem worn by the Crusaders. The meeting decided to adopt the Winchester Cross with the letters W.A. on it—silver for members, gold for life members.

The history of the W.A. badge goes back much further than 1892, back to the times of the Crusaders. During the occupation of Jerusalem those Knights of St. John wore as their symbol the Cross of Jerusalem, which was supposed to represent the five wounds of our Saviour. After being driven from Jerusalem by the Moslems, the Knights made their headquarters at Malta. There they adopted a modification of their symbol, with which we are familiar as the Maltese Cross. Later in 1136, a branch of the Order of St. John became protectors of the Hospice of St. Cross on the outskirts of Winchester. There they adopted and still use the Winchester Cross. The Brothers of St. Cross wore a black gown with a large silver cross on the breast.

Can you understand a bit more clearly why the W.A. badge—the Winchester Cross—signifies the very highest ideal of succouring the needful work of the Church of England in Canada?

Wear your badge **proudly** as the symbol of the ideals of the founders of our W.A. Wear it **humbly** as a silent witness to the world that we believe in the organization to which we belong. Wear your badge—do not hide your identity by allowing your badge to repose hidden from sight.

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ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell
The Rev. J. E. Williams

The overflowing congregation at the 11:00 o'clock service on Easter Sunday morning was another indication of the inadequacy of the worshipping space at the Cathedral. All the services on Easter Day were very well attended; a wonderful witness to the truth of the Resurrection and to our faith.

After Evensong on Good Friday the Choir sang the Cantata, "The Passion of Christ" by Percy E. Fletcher. The devotional singing of this sacred music was very much appreciated by the large congregation.

We are happy to say that Mr. Vernon Barford, our organist and Choirmaster, has now returned home from the hospital and is still making gradual progress. We pray that the day will not be far distant when he will be back amongst us again.

On Friday evening, April 14th the All Saints Men's Fellowship held a very enjoyable dinner in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker was The Hon. George Prudham, M.P., who gave a very enlightening talk on his impressions as a new member of the Federal government and on the "Resources of Canada." Mr. Sophus, last year's chairman of the Fellowship thanked Mr. Prudham for his interesting talk and also the Ladies of the W.A. for preparing the dinner. Mr. H. G. Greenwood, the chairman, invited all men of the Church to join this active organization.

The Fund for the proposed new Cathedral building is steadily increasing from week to week. The actual cash in hand is \$63,301, which includes the sum collected in the recent Congregational Canvass. The pledges from this canvass amount to \$12,600, making a potential total of \$75,901.

As the Cathedral Church, we wish to congratulate our beloved Bishop on completing his tenth year as Bishop of this Diocese.

The Cathedral Evening Branch have been busy preparing for their Spring Tea which by the time this notice is read will be over and a real success.

The sick convener has been kept busy with many members being ill.

Two of our members, Mrs. Denney and Mrs. Ward have left to live in other cities, a farewell gift was presented to each by the Branch.

Rev. Williams is continuing to hold our devotional meeting every third Thursday.

ST. LUKES', EDMONTON

Canon A. Wallis

At the 9:00 a.m. Communion Service on Palm Sunday, a very happy incident took place. Miss Olive Jones was presented with a Life membership in the Diocesan W.A., the gift of Miss F. Beeby. It brought great joy to the whole congregation, as Olive has served her Church faithfully and well, having been associated with many of it's various organizations; J.W.A.—Evening Stars—G.A. Sunday School—Ev. Group of W.A. (formerly known as the Young Womens' group), and is at present teaching in the Sunday School assisting in the leadership of the G.A., and is Secretary of the Ev. branch of the W.A. Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry (Diocesan president) made the presentation, and Miss F. Beeby presented the Certificate.

Easter Day—All seem to agree that the Services on Easter Day were better attended than they have been for the past number of years. One change was made, which seems to have worked out for the better. The Childrens' Service which was usually held at 11:00 a.m., was held instead at 2:30 p.m., making way for a Choral Communion at 11:00 a.m. Anthems were sung at three of the services, and both the Junior and Senior Choir are to be commended on their singing. The Communicants of the Parish responded well to the appeal made in the Parish Leaflet, with the result that about double the number of Communicants attended as compared with the previous year and Christmas. We would like to say Thank You for responding so well to our appeal.

G.A.—At the present G.A. Festival held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, our girls put on a splendid show, and for the second time won the Cup, as well as other honours. This was not done without a good deal of hard work on the part of all, and especially the leaders, to whom a great deal of credit goes. The girls do seem to get a good deal of fun out of it too. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Helen Bradley, who for the past number of weeks has given her services at the piano to assist the girls in their dance number, also the negro spiritual. Well done, girls! We hope that the congregation will have the opportunity of seeing some of your work.

J.W.A.—The youngsters are working very hard for their Festival to be held in May, and, on Friday, April 14th, held a Tea and Sale of Home cooking in the Parish Hall, at which they entertained the guests with some of the numbers they were preparing for the Festival. They were quite good and their only disappointment was the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the parents, for very few

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came out to give them their support. It is very discouraging to the leaders who work so hard. We hope for better things in future.

Mens' Club—The members are enjoying their meetings every two weeks. On Friday, April 14th., a telephone Whist was held in the homes of various members. As far as can be gathered up to press, it has been quite successful. This effort is to help raise funds for the purpose of paying the yearly taxes on the Church Property.

Other Items—Our sympathy at this time is extended to Mrs. Davis and Family (90th Street), in the sudden bereavement of their Brother and Uncle.

Mrs. F. Clark, Mrs. J. Neal, and Miss E. Brown are in the hospital at the time of writing, and several members of the congregation are confined by sickness to their homes. Our prayers are for the speedy recovery of all.

Marriage—April 5th: Graham Houghton Coles and Pauline Leanora Paulson.

Burial—March 20th: Christopher John Turner.

CHRIST CHURCH, EDMONTON

Canon E. S. Ottley

The rejoicing of Easter Day, and the large congregations that filled the Church, made that day a happy climax to the spiritual preparation of Lent. We are indebted to the Rev. F. A. Peake for his thoughtful and helpful addresses at the three hour service on Good Friday. That same evening the Choir acquitted themselves well in the presenting of very difficult music from the Passion and Easter music of Bach. It was a great pleasure to have the Bishop with us at the two early celebrations of the Holy Communion on Easter morning. Now may we go forward with the light and inspiration of that season as not merely a memory but as a source of power for the days that lie ahead.

A Congregational meeting was held on Thursday, April 13th, to receive and act on the report of a Planning Committee which the Annual meeting authorized the Vestry to appoint to bring in recommendations regarding the renovation and replacement of the Church buildings, in view of the need for repairs to the Church and of additional accomodation for the work of the Sunday School and of the church organizations. The first recommendation brought forth a resolution that an immediate campaign be undertaken to provide a fund of \$12,500 for the renovation of the Church, to preserve it for 20 years. In regard to the need for further accomodation, there seemed to be a general feeling that it would be unwise to spend a large amount on an addition to the present

Parish Hall. The alternative of building the nave of a new Church was discussed at some length. But this matter was finally left in abeyance until the next Annual Meeting, when action can be taken, having in mind what has by then been accomplished in regard to the renovation of the Church.

W.A.—At the second meeting in March, Mrs. Thompson the Education Secretary, assisted by Mrs. Gutteridge, conducted a Quiz on the Study Book, and other general subjects.

A report on the Men's Supper was given. This affair was not too well attended, but the supper was much enjoyed.

It was decided that since we could not hold a Rummage Sale down town this Spring, we should ask an auctioneer to come to the Parish Hall, and give us a price on whatever could be collected there. Mr. Kilgour and Mrs. Gutteridge would be in charge, and the sale would be on April 17th.

Mrs. Slessor was appointed Hospitality Convener for the Diocesan Annual. Our delegates would be Mrs. Cadogan and Mrs. Laight, with Mrs. McEwan and Mrs. Williamson as alternates.

At the business meeting in April, Mrs. Richardson reported that the church had been thoroughly house-cleaned for Easter.

Mrs. Wood reported that the Dorcas bale was now almost complete. Mrs. McEwan had donated two coats, and there were only one dress and some gifts to obtain.

Mrs. Ottley extended an invitation to tea at the Rectory following the educational meeting in May. There would be a second meeting this month, owing to the Annual.

ST. MARK'S

The Rev. Canon A. Elliott

It was very encouraging to see the attendances at all services on Good Friday and especially on Easter Day. The Easter Day particularly showed great promise for the future and the Choir gave of their best and we are grateful to the friends too, who came and added so much to the enjoyment of the singing both morning and evening.

The Bishop came to St. Mark's on Easter Sunday afternoon to Confirm six adults. We are very happy to welcome them among the numbers of our Communicants and are thanks to the Bishop for coming on that very busy and strenuous day.

A further Confirmation will be held on St. Mark's Day at 7:30 p.m., April 25th.

The W.A.'s have been working hard —A very successful Tea and Sale was held by the Evening Group late in March and an enjoyable Tea was sponsored by the Afternoon Group just after Easter. This branch also entertained the Clergy and visitors at a lunch after the Monday Lenten Service on March 27th.

Boys' Groups—Scouts and Cubs meet regularly, both are now at full strength and under very capable leadership and under such good and wise leaders the boys should be a source of great strength to the Church and all it stands for. The parents' Association meets regularly and is of great help to the Leaders.

It was grand to see 14 of our older girls taking part in the Girls' Festival on Wednesday April 12th, at Holy Trinity. They gained the pennant for singing and we are justly proud of them of their achievement and of their leader, Miss Marion Davies. We are now looking forward to the Junior Festival.

Work will soon be started on the basement of the hall. Contributions and pledges can be given at any time to the Treasurer Mr. L. Westgate or placed with the Offertory in a special envelope with your name and address.

ST. MARY'S

Rev. W. T. Elkin

Attendance at Easter Services proved very gratifying this year with a full church at each of the four services on Easter Sunday. The mid-week Lenten services, too, were very well attended.

In the Sunday School on Easter Day colored film-strips on the Crucifixion and the Resurrection were shown. Our thanks go to those who are providing reels for the Viewmaster Projector being shown at the Beginners' Sunday School. In the recent

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Teacher-training Course, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. D. Kennedy and Mr. Peter Cuff received certificates for passing examinations.

The Afternoon and Evening Groups of the W.A. held a joint meeting last month, when the slides from the study book "Dawn Over Japan" were shown.

The Junior W.A. held their Annual Easter Tea on April 12th in the Parish Hall, which was pretty with pastel blossoms made by the members. Home cooking, candy and handicraft articles were sold by the girls, and the event was a most successful one.

St. Mary's G.A. did very well in the recent festival, winning second place. They also won the pennant for Home Cooking and Missionary Quiz.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Rev. W. E. Harrison

This was surely an outstanding Easter at St. John's.

The attendance at the Good Friday service conducted by Rev. W. Elkin, and at the Easter day services, were the largest ever recorded at St. John's. The Rev. F. A. Peake assisted the Rector at the Choral Eucharist on Easter Day.

We were particularly happy to welcome a group of Veterans from Government House at the service.

At the children's service Easter afternoon, the Junior W.A. banner was presented and blessed.

The men's work parties continue to take place weekly and real progress is being made in finishing the building.

On Monday, April 17th, the Altar Guild held a party for the evening and afternoon branches of the W.A. The Guild also continue with their main money raising project of catering for Acacia Lodge.

The W.A. hope that all their friends will call at their Tea to be held at the Parish Hall on May 3rd (not May 4th as stated in our last month's issue). There will be home cooking and a sale of work as well as an opportunity of visiting over a cup of tea.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

The Rev. G. D. Kelly

Thanks be to God was truly the theme of our Easter Day Services. Our goal had been reached through a Faith which knew no defeats. The beautiful new House of God is a living memorial of the patient, enthusiastic and untiring efforts of men devoted to the cause of Christ. Their undaunted ambition to complete the church for Easter necessitated working until very late Saturday evening. On Good Friday the work party including both men and women gathered for a short service of prayer at 12:00 noon. How well God must have understood the significance of this group. Dressed in their overalls, with pockets bulging with nails, and hands stained with varnish, these people knelt in memory of Him, who was a Carpenter.

Bishop Barfoot was with us on this memorable Easter occasion. The church was overflowing. Afterwards the worshippers left their signatures to be included in the newly ordered visitors' book. Just as Easter is the

rebirth of new life, so the day was for us the beginning of a new milestone in our ever expanding parish.

Unfortunately the organ is not properly adjusted to the new setting. The rasping tone is very jarring whenever the volume is raised. Some experimentation will be needed before satisfaction is obtained.

The day after Easter many guests attended our Birthday Party, celebrating the 36th anniversary of the parish. The function was sponsored by the Men's Club. A highlight of the evening was a recording of one of the work parties. The rat-a-tat of the hammers sounded like the drum major of a children's parade, while the saws reminded one of a lumber camp. The Sunday service was also recorded.

During the week the Junior Choir had a very exciting and enjoyable party. From the discovery of Easter bonnets in the Guild Room to the last dashing relay the hall resounded to their rollicking laughter. Their supper table was decorated with Easter eggs, mauve and yellow leis, the colors of which were repeated in the yellow candled individual cakes. The Juniors are very sorry that Pat Graham moved out of the parish. We miss her very much; she was such a good faithful member. She had won the choir cross for the month. However, it will now be worn by Pat Green. We are very glad to welcome some new members, Adrienne Frame, Ruth Dahlgren, Alice Sewers and Diane White.

During the service Sunday School pin presentations were made. How



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these children's faces lighted up as they came forward to receive a higher award. Through the generosity of a church member hymn books with music are being given to the Junior Choir members who are winners of the monthly cross. June Leitch and Lois Cook received the first books.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Langford of our parish left on an extended holiday to England. We wish them a very happy and enjoyable visit.

The Sunday School also had a party during the week. They had a picture show and a sale of candy. This enabled them to finish paying for the font. With the added facilities of the new church and guild room, the Sunday Schools will now meet at different times. The Senior group will assemble at 10:15 a.m., and then join the church service. The Junior pupils will attend church, and then adjourn at the time of the sermon, for their own lessons. Thus many more parents will be able to attend morning worship with their children.

On Friday, June 2nd, the Men's Club is sponsoring the Provincial Players, in three one act plays to be held in Grovenor School. We know that this will be a most entertaining evening, so please reserve the date.

The Evening group of the W.A. held an Easter Tea on Wednesday, April 12th. Many people attended, and they enjoyed viewing the new church and guild room. On May 31st, the afternoon group will hold a Garden Tea, at which they will sell excessories for the garden, children's sun suits and bedding plants.

The G.A. Girls enjoyed the diocesan festival held during the past week. We congratulate them on their awards. Donna Deeley won Mrs. Barfoot's prize for the best reader, and the girls were presented with the Drama penant. We again remind you of their Annual Mothers' Day Tea, to be held on Saturday, May 13th. Kindly see that this date has been marked on your calendar.

On the First Sunday after Easter the first furnishing of the church was dedicated. The font was such an appropriate gift for the Sunday School to choose. Two Baptisms were held in which Robert William Kent, and Lloyd David Benbow became members of Christ's church. During the sermon the rector told the assembled children to do three things during the service, listen, speak and watch, and then he proceeded to give them a very lucid account of the meaning of Baptism. The children were eager participants of this service, and when the babies were being christened the smaller children crept very softly closer, and closer so they wouldn't miss any part of this fascinating moment. Other recent Baptisms have been David Stanley Madge, and Jacqueline Marguerite Grogg.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

The Rev. G. D. Kelly

On April 2nd Archdeacon C. F. A. Clough was in charge of the service; on Good Friday, Archdeacon Tackaberry conducted. On Easter Day we were pleased to welcome Bishop Barfoot to our parish for our Easter Service. It was well attended.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. R. Light with eight members present. President Mrs. Dickson reported that the church had been cleaned and the floors oiled. Stocks were made for the choir members. Flowers were to be ordered for the Easter Service. Instead of having a tea or card party to raise money, it was decided that each member earn three dollars by the June meeting. Cards were filled for three delegates for the W.A. Annual. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. N. Wilkinson.

ST. STEPHEN'S

(96th Street and 109th Avenue)

Rev. C. E. F. Wolff

Easter brought to all services at St. Stephen's the largest congregations in some years. The First Eucharist of Easter morning was celebrated at 7:00 o'clock by the rector and that at 8:00 by the Rev. G. W. Wilson, both attended by large numbers of communicants. Then came the Solemn Eucharist, celebrated by the rector, and preceded by Procession to the hymn, "Welcome, Happy Morning." The music of the Eucharist was the centuries-old Missa de Angelis with Haec Dies to a traditional melody as Gradual and Vittoria's O' Salutaris Hostia as Post Communio. The congregation which took part in the service crowded the church to its capacity.

Another large congregation gathered for Solemn Evensong and Te Deum at which the preacher was Flt. Lieut. the Rev. L. C. Scott, chaplain at Northwest Air Command. At this time the anthem was Ley's "The Strife Is O'er" based on a 16th century hymn tune of Voltius.

These services came as a glad climax to the preceding solemnities of Holy Week when, in addition to daily evensongs, Maundy Thursday was marked by a well attended 7:00 o'clock celebration of Holy Communion and, in the evening, the Maundy Thursday liturgy consisting of Vespers and Compline.

On Good Friday morning the rector and choir sang the Good Friday liturgy including The Reproaches to music based on an old plainsong chant. This was followed, after a brief interval, by the Three-Hour Meditations conducted by the rector, and in the evening the Good Friday devotions at which laymen of the parish read the story of the Passion illustrated by the choir's singing of Bach's chorales and the motets "Seek Ye the Lord" of Palestrina and "Ave

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Verum" of Mozart, Easter Eve (Saturday) Evensong was sung followed by the ancient traditional ceremonial of blessing the paschal candle.

Also attended by large congregations were the earlier Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday services with, at the latter, the blessing and distribution of palms.

The rector and the organist take this opportunity of thanking the choir for magnificent loyalty in the preparation of these difficult services and for their reverent and devotional presentation during the Season. The wardens also are grateful to all parishioners and friends of the parish for their splendid response to the appeal for generous Easter offerings.

Following the First Sunday After Easter the rector left for Winnipeg to attend the General Synod of the Province of Rupertsland. During his absence, services were taken by the Venerable Archdeacon Tackaberry, the Reverend F. W. Wilson and the Reverend J. E. Williams.

Congratulations are extended to St. Stephen's oldest parishioner, Mrs. Amelia Smith, upon attainment of her 90th birthday.

The A.Y.P.A.—have done a splendid job of re-decorating the parish hall and repairs to furniture where needed, climaxing their efforts by a bang-up party, on the evening of April 14th.

On April 20th the Altar Guild held its annual tea. On Thursday following Easter Sunday the rector and Mrs. Wolff entertained the choir which, having suspended rehearsals for a week while they recovered their breath, have now taken new music into practice.

ST. PETER'S, EDMONTON

The season of Lent was well observed in our Parish Church, for Sunday services were well attended, and we found much interest in the midweek services, learning the story of the early days of Christianity in the English speaking world. It was good to see our parish well represented at the Noonday services. One of the speakers, Dr. Watts, visited us one Sunday evening, and enthused the congregation with his presentation of the missionary work of our Church. Afterwards the assembly much enjoyed the films on Japan and had the pleasure of a social hour with Dr. Watts, over a cup of tea and other refreshments, graciously supplied by the "Mothers' Group" of the parish.

On the Wednesday before Palm Sunday, our Bishop confirmed a class of eight men and boys and six women and girls. We welcome them as full members of the Body of Christ, and pray God's blessing upon each; L. B. Seeger, W. D. Harper, G. H. Ball, J. N. M. Bryson, G. T. Wormshecker, R.

J. Mason, B. I. Bryson, Mrs. Doreen Jones, Doreen M. Jones, Mrs. Mary Clegg, Audrey Thornhill, Jean Thornhill, Lois Blackwell, Florence Young.

The Afternoon W.A. has had a busy time lately. They did an excellent job of a week of noonday luncheons at the Cathedral. They provided a delicious dinner for the clergy and their guest, Dean Snell. And then they made a lovely wedding supper for Margaret Turner and Stuart Brown.

The Evening W.A. has been very busy preparing for their fashion show and also had a farewell party for a member of long standing, Mrs. Barbara Snowdon. Our best wishes to the Snowdons for every happiness in their new home at the Coast.

Easter Day was a happy occasion for us all in every way. The Junior Sunday School had a special service at noon, and all enjoyed the singing of the Junior Choir. How that Sunday School does grow! Welcome Mrs. Rand and Mrs. Lewin, to the teaching staff, you join a fine company of workers.

We are happy to report that Mr. Ledgerd is making good progress after his recent illness, and that Mr. Exham is coming along very well too. Married happiness to Dorothy Dryden and Derek Browne and to Margaret Turner and Stuart Brown.

May Eastertime bring comfort and trust to the families of Robert Kerr, Mrs. Jane Eastwood and Mrs. Ashmore.

Leslie Corness of this Parish, now studying for the Ministry at Emmanuel College in Saskatoon, writes cheerfully of his work and study. We learn he is highly regarded in every way, and our best wishes and prayers go to him, in his preparation for the sacred ministry.

Since our last news, the parish has acquired a different Rectory, which the Vestry believes will prove to be a very satisfactory place, at 10924-126 Street. It is a fine house, and is very much nearer the Church. There will have to be a day for all to visit it, and see what it is like, and that very soon.

ST. FAITH'S

Rev. L. M. Watts

During the later part of the Lenten Season, St. Faith's parishioners were privileged to have Rev. C. E. F. Wolff, Rev. G. D. Kelly and the Rev. G. W. Wilson as speakers at successive evening services. The exchange of ministers has been much enjoyed and our thanks to all taking part.

On March 29th, a congregational reception was held in honor of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. E. Currey presented Mrs. Wilson with a bouquet of flowers and Mr. E. Currey and Mr. V. Young asked them to accept a walnut tea wagon and a purse

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of money from members of the parish. The love and best wishes of St. Faith's goes with them into their new work. Mr. Walter Shillabeer was in charge of entertainment for the evening, and members of all other parish organizations assisted with refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson has asked that their thanks and great appreciation for the gift and for the love and kindness shown them during their stay in St. Faith's parish be conveyed to the parishioners through the medium of the Edmonton Churchman.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. G. W. Wilson

This past month has been a very notable one in the life of this parish. On April 26th we bid farewell to the Rev. R. S. Faulks who for the past ten years has been Rector of this parish together with that of St. Peter's. We should like to take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude and warmest appreciation for his ministry amongst us.

On Sunday, April 2nd we were very pleased to welcome the Very Rev. C. Swanson, D.D., Dean of Christ Church Cathedral Vancouver. It was a great privilege to listen to such an able and eloquent speaker. This was also the first Sunday that the Rev. G. W. Wilson commenced his duties as Rector here. After the Evening Service the Evening W.A. were our hostesses at a social gathering in the Hall.

On Thursday, April 13th. The Rev. G. W. Wilson was inducted and instituted by the Bishop of Edmonton as Rector of St. Michael and All Angels and the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Rev. L. M. Watts, Rector of St. Faith's was the preacher. This was a most impressive service, and one that will be long remembered by those present. After the service we were the guests of the Afternoon W.A. at which function the Bishop and the Wardens from both parishes extended greetings to the Rev. G. W. and Mrs. Wilson.

On April 12th the Evening W.A. held a very successful Easter Tea, our thanks to all who helped.

The Rev. G. W. and Mrs. Wilson are at present living at 12005-91st Street, and their telephone number is 75203.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The Rev. G. W. Wilson

During the month we were very pleased to be able to welcome the Very Rev. G. B. Snell D.D., Dean of Calgary as special preacher at our Lenten Service, and also the Rev. F. A. Peake B.D., Western Field Sec.: of the G.B.R.E. who conducted the service and preached at Evensong on Easter Day.

Thursday, April 13th was a Red Letter Day in the history of this par-

ish, when the Rev. G. W. Wilson was Inducted and Instituted by the Bishop of Edmonton as Rector of this parish. In spite of the service being held in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Calder, the Choir, the Wardens, and many parishioners attended. It was a most impressive ceremony.

Easter Day saw our Church filled to capacity. It was the first occasion when we were not able to accommodate the children as well as the adults at a morning service.

We should like to remind you that subscriptions for this Edmonton Churchman are now due, also that we should like to have the Lenten Self Denial boxes in as soon as possible.

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Easter Day—Easter Day was another great Festival in our Church, and there were large congregations present. The Church had been beautifully decorated by the Sanctuary Guild with Easter lilies and other spring flowers. We were most grateful to Archdeacon Tackaberry for his help at all the communion services, and for his address at Evensong. Our thanks to Mr. W. Pilkington who gave the address at the Children's Service on Easter morning.

Lent—Our mid-week Lenten services were again well attended. Our thanks to the Choir for their regular attendance each Wednesday. On Good Friday we again held a Service of Litany and Sermon instead of the usual Three Hours. In the evening the Choir sang Stainer's "Crucifixion." The soloists were Richard Jones (Tenor) and Jack Williams (baritone).

Organizations—The Sanctuary Guild Lenten Tea was very well patronized by the Congregation, and most successful in every way.

The Women's Auxiliary held an Easter Tea in the new Hall, and this, too, proved a most happy and successful function. The next outstanding event will be the Diocesan annual meetings at the end of April.

The Young Women's Fellowship are planning a Spring Bazaar and Tea in the Hall on Wednesday, May 3rd, and hope it will prove a marked success. All the members are busy in preparation for it.

The Parish Guild meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. M. Shaw. The reports of the Concert were most gratifying. The St. Cecilia's Choristers gave a most enjoyable evening's entertainment, and we appreciate their help.

The Mother's Union meeting was held at the home of Mrs. F. Brown. A letter was read from the President who had just arrived in England. Mr. W. H. Hammett was guest speaker and gave a most interesting mis-

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sionary address on the work of the W.A. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Doty on May 4th.

Men's Club—The Club enjoyed a fine address on "India" by Col. Neville Steers at the April meeting.

Sunday School—We are sorry to say farewell to Miss Maureen Brown who is returning to her home in B.C. Miss Joan Hammett has kindly volunteered to take over her class in the Primary Dept.

A.Y.P.A.—A semi-formal function is to be held in the new hall on April

21st, and we are hoping for a good turn-out. This will be the first function of its kind for us in our new hall and we have invited the Wardens and their wives and Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington to be patrons. Mr. H. P. Roche is to be Master of Ceremonies.

Choir—The men's Choir room is now practically complete and we would like to thank the men who did the work, namely Messrs. George Johnson, H. P. Roche, T. W. Walton, H. Rayment and B. Richardson. It is a fine piece of work.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

At an informal meeting of the W.A. on the 22nd March, we bade a regretful farewell to our President, Mrs. T. LeMotte, who is leaving for Edmonton, presenting her with a small gift in token of our appreciation of the many services she has performed for this Branch. Both her talents and her personality will be greatly missed.

The Church looked particularly clean and lovely on Easter Sunday, and we are grateful to the work which went before, and to the abundance of flowers. Though some of our old members were away and are always missed on these occasions, there were a very large number of communicants.

The Spring sale conducted by the members of the Senior W.A., with tea prepared and served by the evening group, took place on April 15th. The evening group also had a stall of babies' and childrens' wear, and the Juniors their own stall for sewing and candy. The afternoon was very enjoyable and successful.

A presentation of "The Crusaders" was put on at the local theatre on the evening of the 16th, sponsored by members of the parish, W.A. and Vestry. There was a very large attendance.

Baptisms—Margaret Jean Waugh; Daniel Gary Waugh; Neva Gail Waugh; Dianne Faye Waugh; Darleen Arvell Waugh; Lloyd Edward Litkie; Alfred Russel Woodley; Kathleen Elaine Woodley; Stanley Richard Woodley all of Hinton, Alta. and Shirley Marie Dobing, at St. Catherine's, Edson.

Wedding—There was a very lovely wedding on April 12th at St. Paul's Church in Evansburgh when, in spite of the mud and the terrible roads between Evansburgh and Holly Springs, Edwin Shuster of Golden Spike and Gertrude Feldberg of Holly Springs were joined together in Holy Matrimony. It is just about a year now since Gertrude was confirmed and we

wish her and her husband every blessing.

Funerals—Richard Henry Carter, Edson; Mrs. Orlo Lent, Cadomin.

Entwistle

A group of Entwistle ladies met on March 23rd at the home of Mrs. D. Fitzgerald for the purpose of organizing a Women's Auxiliary. Miss Margaret Cording very kindly made the trip up from Drayton Valley to attend the meeting and helped to organize the W.A. She gave a very helpful and much appreciated address.

Those who were elected to office were: President, Mrs. W. Coast; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Scandrett; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. N. Sinclair; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. D. Fitzgerald.

It was decided to hold meetings on the second Wednesday of every month. We are looking forward to a year of great activity and spiritual inspiration.

We had an extremely well attended afternoon service for women of all Protestant denominations in the afternoon on February 24th for the World Day of Prayer Service, in St. Catherine's Church. Rev. H. W. Buchner led and addressed the congregation, but prayers and readings were given by women from the different Edson Churches. It was a fine and moving service, and will be remembered.

ST. JOHN'S, CADOMIN

We all feel deeply the loss of Mrs. Lent who died in the Cadomin hospital at 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31st. Although ill for a number of years she has always been an example and inspiration to us in her sweet cheerfulness and patience and interest in all around her. Mr. Gardiner conducted the funeral service here in the little church on Palm Sunday with many friends present. Then on Tuesday, April 4th she was laid to rest (to quote her dear husband) "amid many lovely flowers and friends and a beautiful day," in the Calgary cemetery. Our sympathy goes out to her

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husband Lou, and to the others of her family.

The Annual Meeting of the W.A. for the election of officers was held in the church in February and conducted by Mr. Buchner. The new officers are: Mrs. Coppinger, president; Miss Docherty, vice-president; Mrs. Miller, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Wilson, dorcas secretary. The March meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Tomlinson with eight members present. Among other things we planned means of raising funds by talent money, started some salvage sewing and had an interesting reading on our Indian Schools. The regular March meeting was held at the home of Mrs. McKenna with six members present. Talent money was handed in and plans made for a sale of aprons, home cooking and a tea to be held May 20th. Mrs. Wilson gave a reading on our mission in Honan.

The World Day of Prayer was held this year in the United Church and was conducted by the C.G.I.T. of that Church.

We regret that none of our members are able to attend the Annual again this year but we are sending in our parcel for the shower.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

The Rev. T. C. D. Boon

It was with deep regret that we found it would not be possible to have the Church heating plant back in order for the Confirmation Service on March 30th. The Bishop is now arranging to come towards the end of May. The actual date will be announced later.

The Good Friday Services were well attended, but we wish there had been more out at night when the Choir provided the musical illustrations for the Nine Lessons of The Passion, which were extremely well read by Mr. Curry.

Easter Day was a very happy Sunday and all the Services were well attended. At the Sunday School Service the Lenten Pyramid boxes were presented by the children and this year their offerings amounted to \$15.86 which was very good.

The Choir rendered special music for the Services, including the Anthem "Rejoice, the Lord is King." We should like the Choir to know that their work was sincerely appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Heckley are to be congratulated on the success of their work with the Choir and at the organ.

There was a fine turn-out of Little Helpers and their parents at the Annual Service in the afternoon. The gifts of Easter eggs, kindly provided by Mr. Val Kulak and the E.B.W.A., were presented to the children by Miss Margaret Millar at the close of the Service. The interest in this Service was very much due to the

work of the Little Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. George Prowse and her assistant Mrs. J. B. Warren. Ramsay Heckley kindly played the organ at this Service.

It was a pleasant surprise when the Chimes of St. Margaret's, Westminster, rang out merrily from St. Mary's Church tower for half an hour preceding Evensong on Easter Day. We thank Mr. Heckley for the pleasure he gave many, and congratulate him on having realized a cherished ambition.

The flowers on the Altar on Easter Day were the gifts of the Parish Guild, E.B.W.A. and other ladies of the Church; these were distributed to the sick and "shut-ins" on Easter Monday. The flowers for the Altar on March 26th were sent by Mr. and Mrs. Langford, Victoria, B.C., as a memorial of Pat.

We are deeply grateful for the very hard work and long hours put in by Mr. Prowse and Mr. Kohar in installing the new section of the boiler and repairing the Church heating plant which enabled us to be back in the Church for Palm Sunday. Our long absence from the Church for Services only made us appreciate it more than ever. This kind of work on behalf of the Church is very seldom seen by the members of the congregation, but we are sure they would all like to thank both these gentlemen for their generous help.

At the Vestry Meeting on April 4th it was reported that the "One Day's Pay" appeal had then reached the sum of \$335.00. 80 new Prayer and Hymn Books have been ordered for the Church. It was also agreed to proceed with some necessary electrical re-wiring in the basement of the Church.

ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD

Rev. D. V. A. Browne

The April meeting of St. Mary's W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. E. G. Hooper with seven members and two guests present. Delegates to the W.A. Annual were chosen in the persons of Mrs. B. B. Hanson and Mrs. B. Yeates, with the President the J.A. and Little Helpers Secretaries also attending. The donations received from the St. Patrick's Day aprons were more than sufficient to cover the cost of the new Prayer and Hymn Books which have now arrived. All the Parish join in wishing Miss H. Whittaker a speedy recovery from her prolonged illness.

Messrs. E. G. Hooper, B. B. Hanson and L. Sommerfeld attended the Diocesan Laymen's Dinner at the Macdonald Hotel in Edmonton.

The Church was filled to capacity on Good Friday morning and at this service the Sunday School Children received their badges. Again on Easter Sunday the Church was filled

to over-flowing and the beautiful flowers (Easter Lilies) on the Altar were given by Mrs. J. R. Harris in memory of her mother.

Confirmation classes are being held in the Vicarage on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.

Burial—On March 25th in the Nursing Sisters' Plot, Edmonton Cemetery, Edith Taylor Goode.

St. Aidan's, Glenreagh

Marriage—On April 5th Roy Arnold Thompson of Glenreagh, Alta. to Margaret Alice Edna Walker of Glenreagh, Alta.

Christ Church, Jarvie

The regular monthly meeting of Christ Church W.A. was held in the home of Mrs. Olive Plant. Aprons were handed in for the Easter Sale and letters were read by the Secretary regarding a Prayer Desk the ladies hope to purchase for the Church. On April 8th the W.A. sponsored a very successful Easter Tea, sale of aprons, Easter candy baskets and flowers. Mrs. Plant devoted much of her time making the beautiful candy baskets and paper flowers. She also made all the candy and we are very grateful to Mrs. Plant for her untiring efforts. The proceeds for the day amounted to \$72.00.

St. Philip's, Westlock

The Easter Sunday service at St. Philip's was very well attended and the newly formed Junior Choir rendered an Easter anthem which was very much appreciated. Following the service our Vicar presented to Const. W. H. M. and Mrs. Brace a wedding gift from the congregation in appreciation of their services to the Church.

Baptism—On March 26th Sheridan Gail Esther Bowman.

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ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

At a sparsely attended but nevertheless enthusiastic meeting held in the Parish Hall on Thursday evening, April 13th, two tremendously important motions were put to the meeting and were passed unanimously. The first motion was to accept the plans as amended and sanctioned by the vestry. The second motion was to give the vestry full powers to go ahead with the work of building the new parish hall and renovating the present church building as funds would permit. The plans have yet to be submitted to an approved architect, and they then have to be passed by the Executive Committee of the Diocese, but the Vestry is confident that the authorities will not call for any radical change. It is hoped by means of a liberal use of voluntary labour to cut down materially on the cost of the whole project. The more men we can get to donate a few hours' work on the new parish hall, the less actual cash we will have to ask people to give us. Mr. Buckingham is going to be in charge of the very important financial side of things. It will be his task to collect money to pay for materials and for such work as we cannot do ourselves. He hopes to get 50 men to donate a hundred dollars each. This is indeed a very moderate sum, especially when we consider all the plans and schemes which are promoted in this part of the country in the interests of sport, pleasure and comfort, which call for a good deal more than a hundred dollars per family. If the initial reaction of the average parishioner is to pound the kitchen table and say, NO, it is hoped that the final response will be both lenient and liberal.

Two lilies with many blooms and two dozen daffodils helped to make the church look glorious on Easter Day. They were provided by the Happy Hour Group of the W.A.

St. Saviour's Sunday School is for the present minus the very capable guiding hand of its Supt., Mrs. Ford Davidson, who is absent on a three month trip to England. However the Sunday School is carrying on most faithfully, and our members grow every Sunday. Our roll call now boasts 65 names and the average attendance last month was 50. Besides our regular classes, we have two pre-school classes, and a Bible study class of confirmed students.

Mrs. Knight is the only one of last year's staff with the exception of Mrs. Adamson who comes back to us next Sunday after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Park, Mrs. Fooks, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Smeltzer are on the regular teaching staff and Mrs. English is our very obliging substitute teacher.

Both teachers and students are most faithful and enthusiastic, and we are all eagerly looking forward to the day when we can handle our overflow, and enjoy comfortable, pleasant surroundings in the new Parish Hall.

The Happy Hour Group held a successful sale of Home Cooking in the Nelson Hill Hardware on March 25th. A Bazaar and Home Cooking sale is planned for May 13th, so we must get busy with our needles. Our meetings continue to be well attended; which is very gratifying. At our meeting held at the home of Mrs. C. Reid, Mrs. Davies, of the Senior W.A. gave us a very interesting and inspiring address on the Study Books. So now we know how to go about getting the most out of them.

Members of the Afternoon Branch of St. Saviour's W.A. attended Corporate Communion on Sunday, March 26th celebrant Canon T. W. Teape, Rector of St. Saviour's, Vermilion.

At the Dorcas Meeting, this month, the Educational Secretary presented the Study Book in an original and graphic manner; selecting members to visit our group in the role of visitors from Japan. Wearing Japanese Dress, with chrysanthemums in their hair, they told us of the problems of Christian home makers in post-war Japan.

Rev. H. G. Watts, D.D., Western Field Secretary of M.S.C.C. deepened our interest and added to our information by showing excellent films made in Japan during the period of re-construction.

Girl's Auxiliary—The big thing which is in all our minds is the G.A. Festival from which we have just returned. We had a very good time. Mrs. Smith and all the city leaders and girls entertained us royally. Though we did not bring home the cup, we did bring back a warm feeling of our fellowship with the other G.A.'s of the diocese. Our congratulations go to the two cup winners, St. Luke's and Wainwright.

Now we must get busy and produce some articles for the May sale and tea which the Evening Branch is planning to hold. The ladies have kindly said that we may have novelty and candy stalls there.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

Rev. V. P. Cole

Due to bad roads we have had only three services so far this year.

The Annual Meeting was held March 30th at the home of Mr. M. McDonald, Rev. V. P. Cole and 14 members attending. Reports showed a very successful year for 1949. Mrs. W. Hollyoake was again elected people's warden.

The election of the vestry remained the same with the exception of Mr. J. C. Clennett replacing Mr. R. Scott, Mr. Devon Coulter was elected Secretary-Treasurer replacing Miss K. Sutton. We all wish to thank Miss K. Sutton for her services while with us.

At the close of the meeting a delicious lunch was provided by the ladies. Thanks to Mrs. McDonald for her hospitality.

The March meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. R. Scott. Eleven members and two visitors being present.

Mrs. H. Thomas will represent us at the deanery meeting in Vermilion. Many beautiful and useful articles were turned in for the bazaar which is planned for April. The mitts were also turned in for the Dorcas work.

The hostess served a delicious lunch after the meeting had been closed with the W.A. prayer.

ST. JOHN'S, KITSCOTY

Twenty-five people turned up for our lovely Easter Service, about half that number being Communicants. The Rev. Peckover from Lloydminster was the preacher and celebrant. I think we all came away feeling we understood the meaning of the Resurrection a bit more clearly.

We have had two W.A. meetings since I last reported one at the end of March and one on the 4th of April. The first was at Mrs. Apperson's home with Mrs. Fox as hostess and the second at the home of Mrs. Wright who was our hostess. Quite a bit of business was gone through at both meetings after which dainty lunches were served.

We much regret to report that one of our few members has been called to higher service in the person of Mrs. Jenkins.

We also regret to report that our President, Mrs. Seabrook is in hospital and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, VEGREVILLE

Lent and Easter have come and gone, but since we are still in the joyous season of Easter in the Church, our memories are still full of the beautiful worship offered to God on the Feast of His Glorious Resurrection. Perhaps Easter was such a beautiful occasion this year because we made it that by our Lenten Preparation.

Throughout Lent, every Wednesday night after the saying of the office of Evensong, we studied one of the Seven Deadly Sins and discovered how these sins have become so subtle as to be recognized as virtues today instead of the wretched vices they are. This study re-acquainted us with ourselves, and it served as an impetus

to take down the hoe of self-control and, aided by the energy of Grace, do a little spring wedding in the garden of our hearts.

Then Holy Week came with all its terrible and magnificent details of our Lord's Passion culminating in the Crucifixion. Every morning throughout Holy Week, except Good Friday, Matins was said at 7:40 a.m. and Holy Communion was celebrated at 8:00 a.m. There was someone in Church at this early hour every morning so that the Sacrifice could be offered at the Altar. On the morning of Maundy Thursday, (the anniversary of the Institution of the Blessed Sacrament), there were ten in Church at 7:40 a.m. to say Matins and 12 to worship God in Holy Communion. Evensong was said, as it always is, at 5:00 p.m. (except Wednesdays in Lent) and the Vicar was pleased to have someone to recite this office with him on a few afternoons. One afternoon a lady, who had been doing some shopping, dropped into the Church on the way home to recite the office with the Vicar. On Holy Saturday there were eight people in Church at 5:00 p.m. to recite Evensong and they had to wait about 15 minutes because the Vicar was late getting back from visiting the hospital.

Meteorologically, Good Friday was a wretched day but spiritually it was certainly a "good" Good Friday. A fine congregation braved the inclement weather to keep the One-Hour solemnly from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

We had two celebrations Easter Sunday morning; one at 9:00 a.m. and Sung Eucharist (with Church School) at 11:00 a.m. The Church was packed and certain members of the congregation were rather amused to observe the anxiety with which the Vicar's Warden sought, almost vainly, for seats for the late-comers. The very beautiful flowers on the Altar and in the Chancel were the gift of Mrs. Corry in loving memory of her husband. The Altar looked lovely and was prepared with reverential care by Mrs. Lindley, our member of the Altar Guild. The flowers in the Chancel were taken to the hospital and half of them were given to Mrs. Wm. McGowan and Mrs. R. Ross who, at the moment, are patients there.

Baptism—Administered conditionally to Mr. Norman Boyle of Minburn in the Vegreville General Hospital on Easter Sunday afternoon. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dunn and Mrs. A. E. Gudmundson.

ST. MARK'S, BLACKFOOT

The Easter Communion was celebrated at St. Mark's April 9th at 2:30 p.m. We welcome Rev. W. H. Peckover again for services every two weeks after being closed since Christmas.

The W.A. meeting in March was held at the home of Mrs. E. Hoffman with seven members present; and the April meeting at Mrs. N. Robison with nine present.

The Sunday School re-opened April 2nd with one more teacher, (Mrs. Roger Coutu).

ST. GEORGE'S, MARWAYNE

What a treat it was to be present at the showing of the films and hear the Rev. H. G. Watt on March 17th. The educational value of such an insight to the overseas missionary-work cannot be estimated, the regret that the Hall was not filled with members of all the local congregation was expressed in a word of thanks by the United Minister, Rev. Richards. Did you notice that the hero of the one film is clearly recognisable in the picture for March in the Almanac?

Another highlight of St. George's is the temporary fitting of the lower last windows of single light Cathedral glass, each of 5 feet by 2 feet; which not only cuts the glare, but also the cold which penetrates the 100 small panes of the outer 42 year old windows. Through several months of planning, and after consultation with the Bishop, your reporter wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the gift of these windows from Mr. N. E. Glover of Edmonton: installed by Dick Dudlyke and suitably accepted by the Rector and congregation at the service on March 26th.

The April meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Lucas whose radio so clearly gave out the Maundy Thursday Holy Week message of the Primate. This unusual inspiring 15 minutes, listening to the voice of Most Rev. G. F. Kingston came as a wonderful interpretation of the Bible Reading of our hostess, given during the opening exercises. They say advertising pays therefore we feel that if these special broadcasts could be announced previous to their happening, more people would be sure to listen in.

Now I won't say it was by chance I tuned in on the Monday before Easter at 3:45 to hear again, the voice which inspired the 1949 W.A. Annual to lengthen our listening reading, working and our time spent with God.

On Good Friday, the Rev. Cathcart got through accompanied by Keith Calicot without too much trouble, thanks to the wind and frozen state of the roads for the first of the Good Friday four services in the Clandonald Mission, commencing at 10:30 a.m. at this point. Easter Day Holy Communion Service at 10:30 a.m. was inspiring to all who attended on this lovely sunshiny morning even though it was cold and roads were rough. The beautiful White Altar Fontal, the lovely flowers, the hearty singing, the Easter message and sermon resur-

rected memories of other services in other lands and places, bringing to this tiny mission church the old old story of cruelty and death in all the newness of life eternal and its annual reminder that Jesus lives in this day and age, however other influences try to deride the 2,000 year old truth.

A Children's Fashion Show—six minutes to six years—with Tea and Bake Sale is announced for May 6th in the Hall from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. A well known Whyte Avenue, Edmonton Children's Outfitter is loaning the choicest display to further the work of St. Georges' W.A. in this new venture styled by the "wee folk" of our hamlet. Everybody welcome.

CHRIST CHURCH, MANVILLE

The Rev. V. P. Cole

The Annual Meeting of Christ Church Parish passed a resolution to establish a Memorial Fund; to be known as the "Christ Church Memorial Fund."

For some years the Vestry has held \$100.00 in trust. This money was given to help provide a new pulpit. The money has now been placed in the Memorial Fund, and as soon as sufficient funds are available a new pulpit will be purchased.

We would ask our parishioner to consider giving donations to this fund in memory of departed loved ones, and thus place their names in the Book of Remembrance as a lasting memorial to them.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson for their gift of a pair of Candle Sticks given in memory of Mrs. Margaret Jackson. This gift was used for the first time on Easter Day, and added greatly to the beauty of the Altar.

We also wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Vegreville, for once again giving the flowers for the Altar on Easter Day in memory of their daughter Mrs. Doris Whitson.

The regular meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. E. A. Mercer on Tuesday, April 4th.

Baptism—Sunday, April 16th; Marjorie Alice Myher, Oscar Lewis Myher.

A good memory test is to sit down and recall the things that you worried about this time last year.

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ST. THOMAS, WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. R. K. Walters

The Good Friday Service was well attended, in spite of the snow storm. Many of the parishioners attended all the Lenten services, and Good Friday was a fitting portal to Easter Day. On Easter Eve the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Shiela Davis and her baby sister Bonita.

Easter Day the church was beautifully decorated with flowers given by various parishioners. St. Thomas and the Park W.A.'s worked hard with spring cleaning and varnishing the floors. St. Thomas had a record number of communicants, and the church was filled to capacity. This record is but a mark of the town's growth. We were happy to see many Battle Heights members present on Easter Day. The successful services were considerably helped by the choir under the direction of Mr. Ford.

The 40th Anniversary services will be over by the time this appears in print, but we wish to thank all the organizations for their work to make the Anniversary the success we know the event will be. Next month we shall read about the celebrations.

On Low Sunday, at Evensong, we tried for the first time a service known as the "Festival of Lessons" with Easter Hymns and carols, based on the service used at St. John's, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, England, and it was quite successful. This gave us the complete story of the Resurrection.

The newly formed St. Thomas Dramatic Society is working hard on the two plays they will present in May. All the hoped for profits will be handed into the building fund. Mr. Oliver Griffiths is directing.

Congratulations to the G.A. upon winning the cup for the second time at the Diocesan G.A. Festival, worked hard with the girls. We are looking forward to a "repeat performance" of the girls' song and dance.

Mr. Harry Smart our Envelope Secretary, informs us that there is an increase in the number of parishioners using the envelope system of subscribing to church and mission funds. We are also informed that the "red side" shows an increase of 80%. Keep it up, and do even better!

Battle Heights are meeting again for services. We were snow bound until the middle of March. Phyllis and Florence Laycock, Olive and Dennis Tindall, and George Bacon, will be presented for Confirmation on April 23rd.

Fittingly enough, on April 23rd, the Edmonton Sunday School of the Air will be sponsored by the St. Thomas Branch W.A.—an indication that after

40 years, their missionary endeavour continues.

Many of our people have been hospitalized this month. We are glad to see Bill Coleman, Lorne Wachter, Mrs. Hussey, Mrs. Milner, Mrs. Riome and Mrs. Wilbraham around again.

Marriage—John Wallace Snyder and Margaret Jean Duffy.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The Senior W.A. Group met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Bailey on April 6th at 2:30 p.m. There were nine in attendance. The usual devotionals and Study Book period followed in order. The chief business centered around the Easter Tea Plans. This event which was held in the Memorial Hall was well attended in spite of the strong wind and badly drifted roads. The home cooking, aprons and Potted Plants were a delight to the eye. Our thanks are extended to all who helped in any way to make it a success. The scare of measles prevented a few from attending. A dainty Tea was served.

Holy Communion on Easter Day was celebrated at 9:45 a.m. with a goodly number of communicants present. Previously the church windows were washed, floors washed and waxed, brasses cleaned and all furniture polished. The Sunday School room also received a similar cleaning. This was accomplished by a few W.A. members working together to have everything spotless for Easter. There was a good attendance in the evening but probably would have been better if the side roads had been better for transportation and the measles had abated.

There will be an Easter Holy Communion Service on April 16th at 11:30 a.m. at Lindbrook.

The services at this centre are exceptionally well attended—almost a hundred per cent at time. There were 34 present at a recent service. A welcome is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn and family to this district. The C.G.I.T. attended the Tofield Evensong Service on March 26th.

The Evening Group W.A. met at the Rectory on March 20th at 8:30 p.m.

Eleven Sunday School scholars had perfect attendance for March. This is very commendable considering the roads and vagaries of the weather at times. Margaret and Philip Coatta, Patricia Orme, Patricia Pegrum, Darlene La Rocque, Patricia Brown, Elizabeth Joan and Margaret Crispin (three sisters), Jean Eaglesham and Billy Glover had perfect attendance, while David and Donald Thomson were fortunate in obtaining 75 per

cent attendance—also very commendable considering the state of their road at times. We are glad Kathleen is out of hospital and feeling better.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. David Scott of Viking, whose husband suffered a heart seizure at the residence of his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Townsend of Tofield on March 18th.

Our thoughts this coming month will also be with the parents and relatives of Brenda and Beverly Townsend, Tofield's Siamese twins. Plans are being made to attempt to separate them. Our sincere hope is that the operation will be successful.

The members of the Vestry met in the Church Hall after Evensong on Palm Sunday for a general discussion. The next Vestry meeting will be after Evensong on April 16th.

Lorna Joyce Swinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. H. Swinton of Tofield was united in marriage with John Kennedy Loftin of the U.S. Airforce on April 10th in All Saints Cathedral, the Very Rev. A. M. Trendall officiating. Lorna received her schooling here and was formerly a member of the Sunday School, Choir and Junior W.A. Our sincere best wishes are extended to you both for a very happy and successful future.

EDGERTON AND DISTRICT

The Rev. W. D. Ellway

After the snow and the mud! Road conditions are still as great a handicap to regular services and attendances at them as they were at the time the last notes were written, but soon now we shall be back to normal. Services at St. Patrick's and in S. Oswald's parish have been maintained recently, it is true, but Porter Lake is still out of the question. School instructions have suffered in a parallel manner and in all ways much remains to be caught up.

St. Mary the Virgin, Edgerton

The visit of Dr. Watts of the M.S.C.C. on Monday, March 13th, was greatly appreciated by all who heard him. His address gave us some striking facts on the missionary work of the Church, made even more striking by the unusual angle from which they were approached. We wish he could have stayed longer with us and we most certainly hope that the interval between this and his next visit will not be too long. After the evening service we learned still more from him at an informal reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. King-ton.

We were so glad to have our Bishop with us on the 5th Sunday in Lent when we held our patronal services of thanksgiving, this being the Sunday nearest to the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady.

At the first celebration, at 8:00 a.m. the Rector was the celebrant while the Bishop was the celebrant at 9:30 a.m. There was a large number of communicants present, together with a number whose communion was spiritual only. Immediately after the 9:30 celebration breakfast was served for everyone in the Church basement, for the excellence of which the Misses Peggy Shaw, Doris Miles, Nina Sawyer and Connie Harkness deserved the many compliments that they received. At Evening Prayer the church was full to its capacity and we heard a wonderful and inspired message from our Bishop. At the conclusion of the office proper of Evening Prayer, Doris Miles sang the "Ave Maria" to Schubert's setting, a fitting prelude to our subsequent devotions. After Evening Prayer the W.A. held a reception in the church basement that everyone might be able to meet the Bishop. Incidentally, our bell was rung for the first time this day after a lapse of two years, being rehung by Mr. D. Sawyer and Mr. R. Harkness the previous week at the expense of considerable toil and ingenuity. It was a wonderful day for us all; words cannot adequately describe it.

Each Wednesday during Lent there was celebration of Holy Communion and Compline with address. The attendance at these services was not nearly good enough, being lower than in either of the two previous Lenten seasons under the present Rector. Nevertheless, while Lenten attendances were poor, we are very glad to report that the number at the Good Friday Services of Ante Communion and Compline and Address, was far higher than on any previous Good Friday in the history of the parish.

At Compline on Good Friday the choir and congregation sang the Story of the Cross, the solo parts being sung by Nina Sawyer.

On Good Friday evening the film of the Oberammergau Passion Play was shown in the Memorial Hall. We will all wish to express our gratitude to the Edgerton Branch of the Canadian Legion for the manner in which they endeavour to help in spreading the Christian faith and the Christian spirit by the showing of special films at the holy seasons of the year. That the films in general are not of too high a standard as far as production is concerned is not the fault of the Legion; they go to considerable trouble and expense to get the best obtainable. Surely it is high time that the Church began to think more of this method of spreading the faith and endeavoured to see that high class films of the best production were made available for general release.

The number of communicants on Easter Day was slightly less than last year, due obviously to the very bad road conditions out of town. However,

once again, all previous records were broken by the attendance at Evening Prayer.

We make note of the fact that two records of attendance were broken on Good Friday and Easter, not from any sense of personal pride or gratification in any of us, but rather as a means of encouragement to all of us to strengthen our desire and resolve to serve God more and better as time goes on.

The March Meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. George Woodbridge, Mrs. Drury and Mrs. A. Sawyer being hostesses and the April meeting at the home of Mrs. R. Harkness, she and Mrs. J. Strayer being hostesses.

Two crib tournaments and bingo have been held recently, one on Feb. 15th and the other on April 12th. Both of these were highly successful in every respect.

Marriages—March 3rd. Clarence Edward Wuttunee and Aletha Mildred Mae Sawyer, (at Edgerton).

March 24th, Nicholas Jack Fedirko and Helen Christine Stone, (at Chauvin).

Baptisms—(At Chauvin); March 21st, Helen Christine Stone; Frederick Wallace Stone, Lois Ethel Stone, Maxine Ann Fahner, Lewis George Fahner.

St. Patrick's, Heath

The Edgerton congregation will wish to express their gratitude to the congregation of St. Patrick's for the willingness with which the latter so kindly agreed to forego their morning service on Sunday, March 26th that the Bishop and Rector might be with the Edgerton people as much as possible on their special day of thanksgiving.

In spite of bad roads the congregation and number of communicants was excellent on Easter Day at St. Patrick's.

S. Oswald's, Rosemoyne-McCafferty

The Bishop gave the address at Evening Prayer in Rosemoyne Hall on Sunday, March 26th. A good congregation, having consideration for the really terrible road conditions, was there. After service a reception was held in honour of the Bishop.

The Easter Day Celebration of Holy Communion was held in McCafferty Hall. The attendance here, again in spite of almost impassable side roads, was the largest number as yet seen on Easter Day in this parish.

Parish Notes—We were glad of the opportunity to welcome the bishop who confirmed candidates at Sedgewick and Hardisty during the past month. The day was very crowded for in addition to these services he held others at Loughheed and Killam. At the last named place he graciously

presented WA Life Membership certificates to Mrs. Halsall, Neeley, Luff and White. It was unfortunate that Mrs. White was a patient in hospital, however our bishop kindly conducted the membership service at the patient's bedside, a kindness that was greatly appreciated. It is our sincere hope that it will be possible for the bishop to visit us again this year in order to confirm those candidates who through illness were prevented from attending on this occasion. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Peterson of Loughheed who kindly placed her home at the disposal of the WA who entertained his Lordship. And to Mrs. F. Matthews of Hardisty who acted similarly we also say thank you.

On April 5th, a large number of friends and members of Killam congregation met in the Co-op hall for a dinner and presentation. The occasion was the departure of two members, both going to England, one for an indefinite stay, the other for a brief visit. We assure Mr. H. Smith who goes from St. George's that we will greatly miss him. For many years he has been people's warden and active in all branches of our church here since its origin. We bid him bon voyage with "well done thou true and faithful servant." We wish Mrs. J. Child a very pleasant and enjoyable journey, and it is our hope that it will not be very long before she will return with the latest news of happenings over there. Finally I sincerely hope we shall cultivate the habit of more such evenings, not to wish people goodbye since we have too few now, but to build up the church community we need so much.

Easter services were well attended at all points, we were glad to be able to service each point on this day, and it is our sincere hope that it marked a new beginning in the lives of many of us. At Sedgewick and Killam Easter teas were held by the WA and though a blizzard the previous day somewhat curtailed attendance we are told that the results were very satisfactory. And I know that all members of the congregation would like me to say thank you to everyone who helped make these tasks a success.

Dr. Watts visit was instructive and enjoyable. This year we had meetings at the west end of the parish, and in one of the schools for which we thank the principal and those who co-operated to make this possible. It is our hope that on his next visit Dr. Watts will be free to concentrate on the east end where I know that his welcome is assured.

Confirmed—Francis Leonard Cyril Hooper; Barbara Mary Hooper; Barbara Rose Matthews; Dorothy Ann Baker; Dorothy Isobel Brodie; Rhona Agnes Shaw; Hazel Dianne Shaw.

Baptized—Patricia Joan Smith, April 7th, 1950. Killam.

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ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

Rev. F. E. Smith

St. Mary's Church was filled for the Easter Service. The Altar looked very lovely with the Calla-lilies given by Mr. and Mrs. Ruddick in memory of their daughter Ada.

The S.S. had pictures shown them of the Easter season. In all the day was a very joyful one for all.

The Afternoon W.A. held their spring Tea the Saturday after Easter and it proved to be the best for many years. They had home cooking and fancy work. Lovely daffodils and tulips centered the tea tables and were given by a former W.A. member Mrs. Fowler who now resides at the Coast. The April meeting of the group was held at the home of Mrs. Bartley. Mrs. Scott was appointed as delegate to the Annual.

The Evening W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Buyers with her daughter Mrs. Culham. Mrs. Turcumbé will attend the annual for the group.

ST. GEORGE'S, WINFIELD, Alta.

March meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Pepin with Mrs. A. Homan co-hostess. Plans for the Easter Bazaar were made.

The concert sponsored by the W.A. on March 17th was a great success

and around \$78.00 was raised from it. The money to be used to install lights in our church.

April meeting of W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Mickleberry. The Ladies of the W.A. are serving a banquet on April 20th to the Legion members and their families.

The sum of \$58.00 was cleared from the concert put on in the Buck Lake Town Hall Easter Monday. Proceeds were raised for the skating rink in town.

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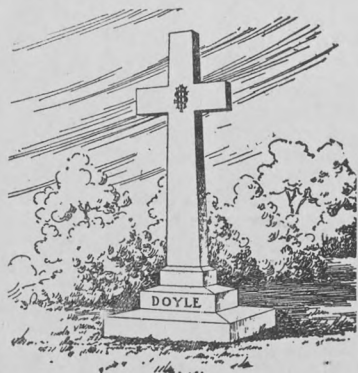
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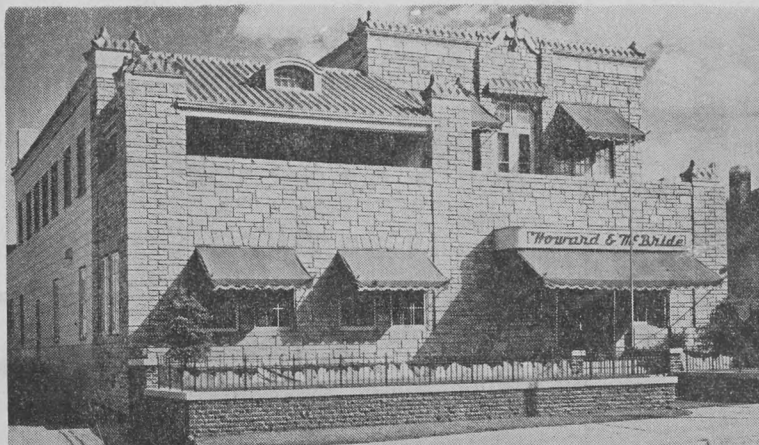
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